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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 0038

1. IF SARKIS SUMMONS YOU FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTHERN LEBANON SITUATION, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS THE UNRESOLVED SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IS CAUSING SARKIS. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE ISRAELIS ONCE AGAIN TO SEE WHETHER A PRAGMATIC SOLUTION CAN BE DEvised WHICH WOULD ALLOW SARKIS TO ASSERT CENTRAL AUTHORITY THERE.

-- IT IS IMPERATIVE, IN THE MEANTIME, THAT THERE BE NO
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SUDDEN MOVE OF FORCES INTO THAT AREA. WE APPRECIATE THE ASSURANCE GIVEN BY SARKIS THAT WE WOULD BE WARNED IN ADVANCE.

-- WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW, HOWEVER, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION WITH THE ISRAELIS, HOW LONG SARKIS WOULD WANT TO KEEP ADF FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN LEBANON REGION BEFORE THEIR REPLACEMENT BY REGULAR LEBANESE FORCES. COULD HE

PROVIDE US WITH SOME ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG HE WOULD NEED TO
ESTABLISH A LEBANESE FORCE COMPETENT TO UNDERTAKE THIS
RESPONSIBILITY.

-- WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH SARKIS AS SOON AS WE HAVE HAD
OUR EXCHANGE WITH THE ISRAELIS.
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